

TAX HEARING POSTPONED

Illness of Auditor Weston Causes Adjournment for One Day.

RAILROADS ONLY ONE IN EVIDENCE

National Guard Preparing for Inspection by Officer Detailed from the Regular Army.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 6.—(Special.)—Owing to the illness of State Auditor Weston the State Board of Equalization did no business today.

Treasurer Mortensen met in the office of the governor, but upon being informed of the illness of Mr. Weston they adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The representatives of the various railroads were heard yesterday and it is possible they have presented all the case they intend to. No one has yet appeared to offer evidence contradictory to the railroad argument and so far as known no business signified any intention of appearing before the board.

But whether the people appear or not, the board intends to study the railroad returns carefully with a view of doing justice to all and injustice to none. At least that seems to be the spirit according to the statements of the members. While the arguments offered by the railroads were good from the railroad point of view, there has been no indication that they were convincing.

The board, so Governor Mickey said, intended at all times to be ready to hear talks from any one concerned, to the end that as much light as possible would be thrown on this much mooted tax question and that might be done.

Whether the taxes paid by the railroads last year include any sum for a franchise; how to get at the value of the franchise; the value of stocks and bonds, will be some of the propositions that will be seriously considered by the board.

Treasurer Mortensen, while he intends to look into the matter thoroughly, is certainly in favor of increasing the assessment of railroad property. At the hearing yesterday Governor Mickey showed a particularly inquiring mind and asked many questions that would throw some light on the franchise question.

The law says that a majority of the board can transact business, but inasmuch as Mr. Weston has served upon one board and is familiar with the details of the work to be done, the governor and the treasurer preferred to wait until he is able to attend.

In a short time, probably ten days, the members of the National Guard will be inspected by an officer detailed from the War department. To the end that the soldier boys will come up to the highest standard Adjutant General Culver is preparing to do a little inspection himself during the next few days and will call upon as many companies as he can between now and the time of the coming of the department officer. The guard is being recruited to its full membership and the troops are drilling regularly.

The grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is in session with plenty of participants. At the opening session all the officers were present except the grand conductress, grand electra and grand organist.

The officers are: Mrs. Minnie Critch, Chadrone, grand matron; Mrs. James D. Hawthorne, Kearney, grand patron; Mrs. Mary E. Haggard, Nebraska City, associate grand matron; Mr. Peter Rubendall, Madison, associate grand patron; Mrs. Lou Conklin, Hubbard, grand chaplain; Mrs. Emma Talbot, South Omaha, grand marshal; Mrs. Emma Simpson, Omaha, grand secretary; Mrs. Carrie E. Wright, Schuyler, grand treasurer; Miss Lena Ellen Cooper, Holdrege, grand adah; Mrs. Jessie Aid, Norfolk, grand Ruth; Mrs. Emma Tyler, Lincoln, grand Esther; Mrs. Sarah Peit, Superior, grand Martha; Mrs. Aplan, Rushville, grand electra; Miss Belle Hurd, Holdrege, grand warder; Mrs. Henrietta Lichty, Lincoln, grand organist; Dr. P. Riddle, Hastings, grand sentinel.

The grand secretary of the Wyoming grand chapter, Mrs. Ines Robinson, who was also proxy for the grand matron, was received and the grand honors were given. An address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Pattie M. Vaughan of this city, to which response was made by Mrs. Mary E. Haggard of Nebraska City, associate grand matron. Immediately thereafter all past grand officers and grand representatives were presented and introduced and grand honors were given.

Mrs. Louise Matthews of Omaha, past grand matron, was presented as most worthy grand Esther of the general chapter of the United States of America. Following the formal and ceremonial presented the addresses of the grand matron and grand patron were heard. The reports read show the order to be in its most flourishing condition. Tomorrow morning at the university an effort will be made to start the ball that

INCREASED CROP ACREAGE

Labor Bureau Issues Bulletin on Condition of Grain and Fruit.

STORM DAMAGES FRUIT AND STOCK MOST

Considerable Increase Shown in All Crops, but Alfalfa Leads the Others in Per Cent of Increase.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 6.—(Special.)—The labor bureau today issued a statement showing the condition of crops and fruit. With the report is a table showing the increase and decrease in the per cent of acreage put in wheat, oats, rye, alfalfa and corn. The reports said that if March and April had been a normal season would have resulted, but as it was the warm weather of March caused an early planting of crops and the cold weather in April injured them to some extent.

The average total precipitation for March for Nebraska was 3.72 inch and for April 1.93 inch.

Wheat—Prior to the cold weather of April the appearance of wheat presented a 5 per cent condition. This applied to other crops of small grain. The prospects were for the largest per acre yield in the history of the state. The wet weather of last fall caused a decrease in the acreage that is being planted. It is not been for this wet weather. The increase in the acreage of wheat is 12.12 per cent increase from two-thirds of the counties and a 5.5 per cent decrease from twenty counties.

Corn—For corn there will be an increase of 19.88 per cent in the state. The prospects for the crop are excellent. The wet weather of last fall caused a decrease in the acreage that is being planted. It is not been for this wet weather. The increase in the acreage of corn is 12.12 per cent increase from two-thirds of the counties and a 5.5 per cent decrease from twenty counties.

Oats—For the oat crop there is reported a 6.75 per cent increase in the state of 6.88 per cent. This increase will occur mainly in the southern portion of the state.

Rye—There will be an increase in the acreage of rye of 2.3 per cent. The prospects for the crop are excellent. The wet weather of last fall caused a decrease in the acreage that is being planted. It is not been for this wet weather. The increase in the acreage of rye is 12.12 per cent increase from two-thirds of the counties and a 5.5 per cent decrease from twenty counties.

Alfalfa—Alfalfa is gaining friends rapidly. It has been thoroughly demonstrated in the west that the alfalfa crop is a profitable one and the result is a very great increase in acreage each year. This year it ranks first in the list of crops. The increase being 19.79 per cent. The greatest increase, as shown in table No. 1, is in the eastern counties of Nebraska. The increase in acreage is 100 per cent in the counties of Kearney, Lincoln, Loup and Buffalo counties show 50 per cent increase each.

Fruit—Up to April 25 the prospects were for the greatest crop of all fruits in the history of the state. The wet weather of last fall caused a decrease in the acreage that is being planted. It is not been for this wet weather. The increase in the acreage of fruit is 12.12 per cent increase from two-thirds of the counties and a 5.5 per cent decrease from twenty counties.

Damage from Recent Storm.—It is impossible at this date to give an exact analysis or to state definitely the amount of injury sustained by crops in Nebraska from the storm of April 28 and 29. The temperature averaged during the storm and immediately thereafter was 60 degrees above zero. The precipitation ranged from 0.25 inch in the extreme north central part of the state to 1.40 inch in the eastern counties. At Lincoln and a considerable portion of the state the precipitation was 1.25 inch.

The damage to stock in the west was quite large. Sheep were injured the greatest. From reports received, it was probably from 3,000 to 5,000 sheep killed. This was caused by them being exposed to the cold. While the snow and sleet hurt cattle some there was no great damage.

Fairbury Officers Assume Duties.—FAIRBURY, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—The newly elected city officers assumed their duty this morning. Mayor S. W. Dodge presiding at the council meeting. N. Downs was elected president and the mayor made the following appointments: City attorney, C. G. Eitzen; city engineer, H. H. Biggerstaff; night watchman and policeman, W. C. Ayres. All are re-appointed excepting Biggerstaff, who succeeds Elmer Corwin. At a previous council meeting J. H. Oliver was elected president and the following were appointed: Police chief, J. H. Oliver; night watchman, W. C. Ayres; street commissioner, J. G. Eitzen; city engineer, H. H. Biggerstaff; night watchman and policeman, W. C. Ayres. All are re-appointed excepting Biggerstaff, who succeeds Elmer Corwin.

Shahland Mayor Appoints Officers.—ASHLAND, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Mayor J. H. Smith announced his appointment of city officers for the ensuing year at a meeting of the council Tuesday night. The following were appointed: Water commissioner and engineer, M. W. Ulrich; street commissioner, J. G. Eitzen; city engineer, H. H. Biggerstaff; night watchman and policeman, W. C. Ayres. All are re-appointed excepting Biggerstaff, who succeeds Elmer Corwin.

Select Plattsmouth Teachers.—PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the Board of Education H. N. Dovey was elected president. F. G. Fricks, vice president and John Pearson secretary. The following were appointed teachers for the ensuing year: Misses Olive Gass, May Powell, Annetta Sprung, Grace Montgomery, Eleora Wirt, Gene Marshall, Myrtle LeVine, May Baird, Margaret Parley, Ella Ruffner, Emma Treaham, Louise Smith, Anna Heisel, Maude Mason, Mary Trillity, Nettie Hawksworth, Mabel Hays, Lettie Smith, Bertha Kennedy, Nellie Whales, Birdella Smith, Loretta Clark, Emma Edwards, Laura Kinkead, Mrs. A. E. Barette and Mrs. Mattie Williams. Prof. E. L. Rouse was retained as superintendent for another year at an increased salary of \$200 per year.

Y. M. C. A. Holds All High.—YORK, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Bids for the new Young Men's Christian association building were opened last evening by the general committee and the lowest bid was \$5,000 more than the association expected to pay. This is due to the advance in the price of material and the fact that York contractors have more work contracted ahead than they can take care of.

Train Runs Into Electric.—ASHLAND, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—George Steele, a member of Joseph Bower's bridge gang, had a narrow escape for his life Tuesday. He was sent to Gretna to flag a passenger train on account of the breakdown of an extra freight. Steele's train was passing a trolley car when the trolley car arrived and he jumped in time to save his life. The trolley car was demolished.

SIX OMAHA BOYS ON A TOUR

Held at City Jail in Lincoln Awaiting Word from Their Parents.

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Twenty-Five Million Dollars is Wanted by That Country for Public Improvements.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 6.—(Special Telegram.)—In the city jail here awaiting news from their parents are six boys aged from 15 to 17 years, who ran away from their homes in Omaha. The boys were arrested Tuesday night. They are: Frank Rogers, Ralph Clizmorris, Robert Edwards, Walter Russell, Andrew Martinson and Ralph Kramer. The former three had from \$5 to \$7 each and said they were headed for the northwest to grow up with the country. The boys live in North Omaha in the Miller hill district. The object of their home-leaving, they said, was to see the country. They will be held awaiting instructions from Omaha.

Humboldt is to Be Good.—HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—The city today enters upon its "dry" reign, and neither saloon, billiard hall, bowling alley or other similar place of amusement or resort is open. After two years of license the people this spring again returned to the old policy of no open saloons. The newly elected council, with the friends of the cause, were sworn in last night. No effort has been made to get a license and interest centered principally in the question of whether or not permits would be issued for the billiard hall and bowling alley to do business and as to who would wear the marshal's star.

Last night when the matter came up for consideration the billiard hall and bowling alley men were backed by many of the temperance advocates as well as the license people, but the petition made no impression on Mayor Power, who refused to grant permits under any circumstances. There had been much strife over the marshalship ever since the campaign was over, but the contest had finally narrowed down to two, Frank Todd and Tom James. At the last moment James appeared before the board and stated that he was not an applicant for the place. The mayor accordingly placed the name of Frank Todd before the history of the place and it promptly confirmed his selection.

Foreign Missionary Meeting.—TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Nebraska district convened here last evening with a large attendance from other portions of the district. There was scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Sara E. Alexander of Falls City. The greeting was by Rev. A. W. Shamel, the Methodist Episcopal pastor at this place, which was responded to by Mrs. Emma Culbertson of Humboldt. The prayer was pronounced by Rev. F. P. Blackmore of Tecumseh. Praise service was held at 7 a. m. this morning. Then came the appointment of committees, reports of auxiliaries and miscellaneous business. Miss Ella Watson spoke of new features of the work and Mrs. Lydia K. Andrew of this place told how to use our literature, which was followed by discussions. Exercises continue this morning, the election of officers coming at 4 p. m. This evening there will be a missionary sermon by Rev. S. S. Dease of India, after which will come the adjournment.

Rock Island Discharges Spotter.—TOPEKA, Kan., May 6.—(Special.)—Advice received here from Horton state that the Rock Island company discharged the alleged spotter, George Bell, last night, and that the eighty striking machinists returned to work this morning. All of the 600 shopmen had threatened to go out unless Bell was discharged.

Nehawka Man Insane.—PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Philip Burke of Nehawka was before the Board of Insanity and pronounced insane subject for the asylum for the insane in Lincoln, where he was taken by Sheriff J. D. McBride. His stepfather, John Loberg, and John Bronsen and John Lawrence were witnesses.

Injured by Wire Fence.—HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—Rosa Hinzda, a school girl of 10 years, while playing with a number of companions last night, accidentally ran into a barbed wire fence and was severely cut about the face. Fortunately it is not thought her eyesight will be injured.

Coroner Wins at Humboldt.—HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 6.—(Special.)—The Coroner base ball team played a series of two games with the local team on the home grounds yesterday and today, winning both games by scores of 5 and 7, the locals failing to score at either game.

Forecast of the Weather.—WASHINGTON, May 6.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For Nebraska and South Dakota—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday showers and colder. For Illinois—Fair and warmer Thursday and Friday; light variable winds, becoming fresh south. For Montana—Fair and much colder Thursday; Friday warmer. For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair Thursday and colder in west portion and warmer in east portion; Friday fair. For North Dakota—Showers and colder Thursday; Friday fair. For Iowa—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday fair and colder in west portion. For Missouri—Fair in north, rain in south portion and warmer Thursday; Friday fair and colder in northwest portion. For Kansas—Fair in north, rain in south portion, and warmer Thursday; fair Friday and colder.

Local Forecast.—OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 6.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with columns for Year (1901, 1902, 1903) and rows for Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, and Precipitation.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.—CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table with columns for Location (Omaha, Plattsmouth, etc.) and rows for Temperature (Maximum, Minimum, Mean) and Precipitation.

T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

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